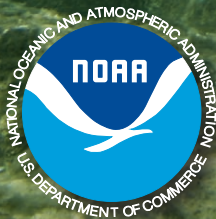


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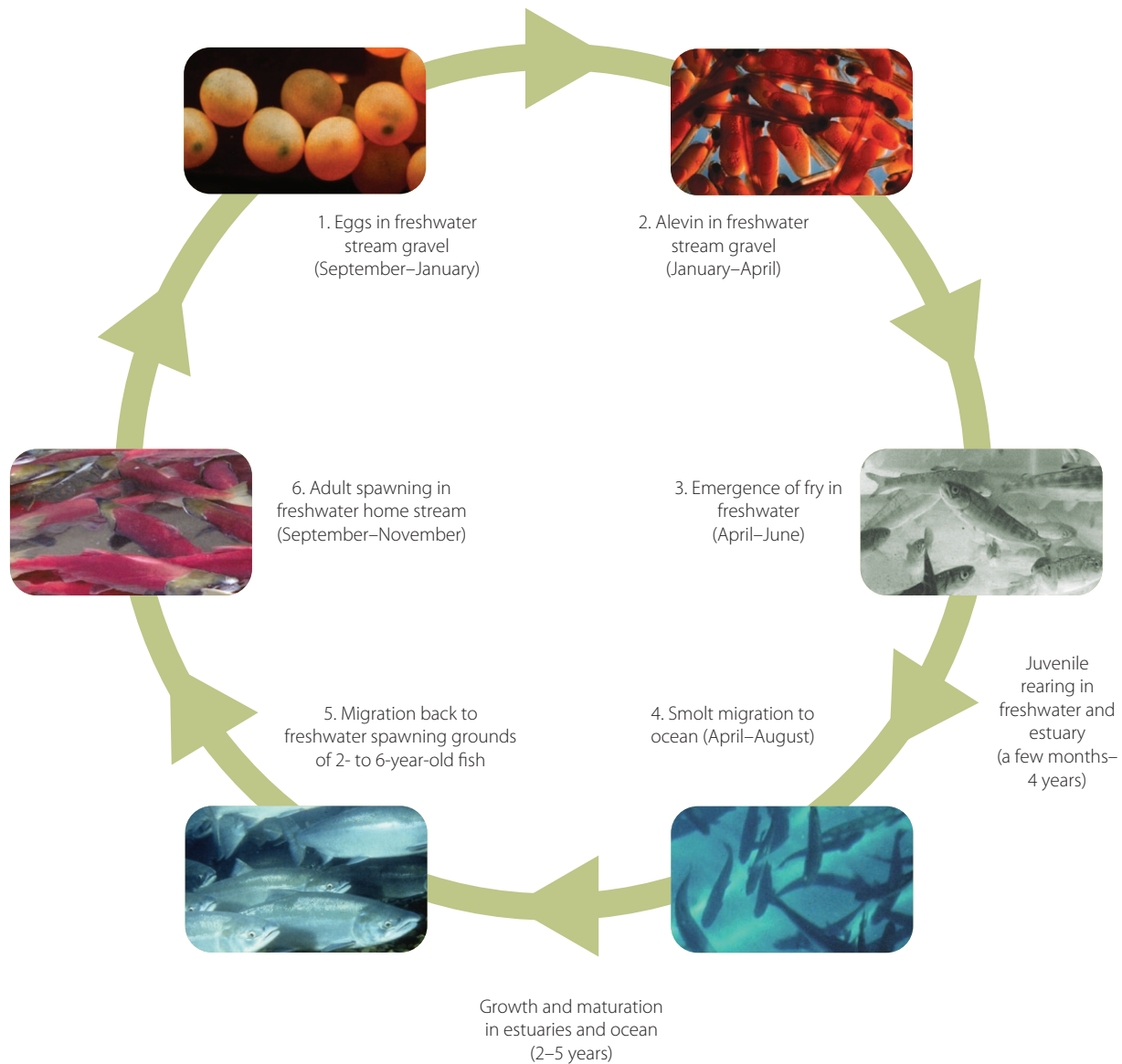
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The Life Cycle of Pacific Salmon



Notes:

Timing and length of any given stage vary among species of salmon (e.g., Chinook, sockeye). Timing is depicted for fall runs (e.g., spawn in fall, eggs hatch in spring)—reversed for spring runs. Estuaries provide a mix of freshwater and saltwater. Adults die after spawning; deteriorating carcasses provide essential nutrients to stream.

Disturbances at any stage can impact survival (e.g., obstructions to migration, floods, drought).

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